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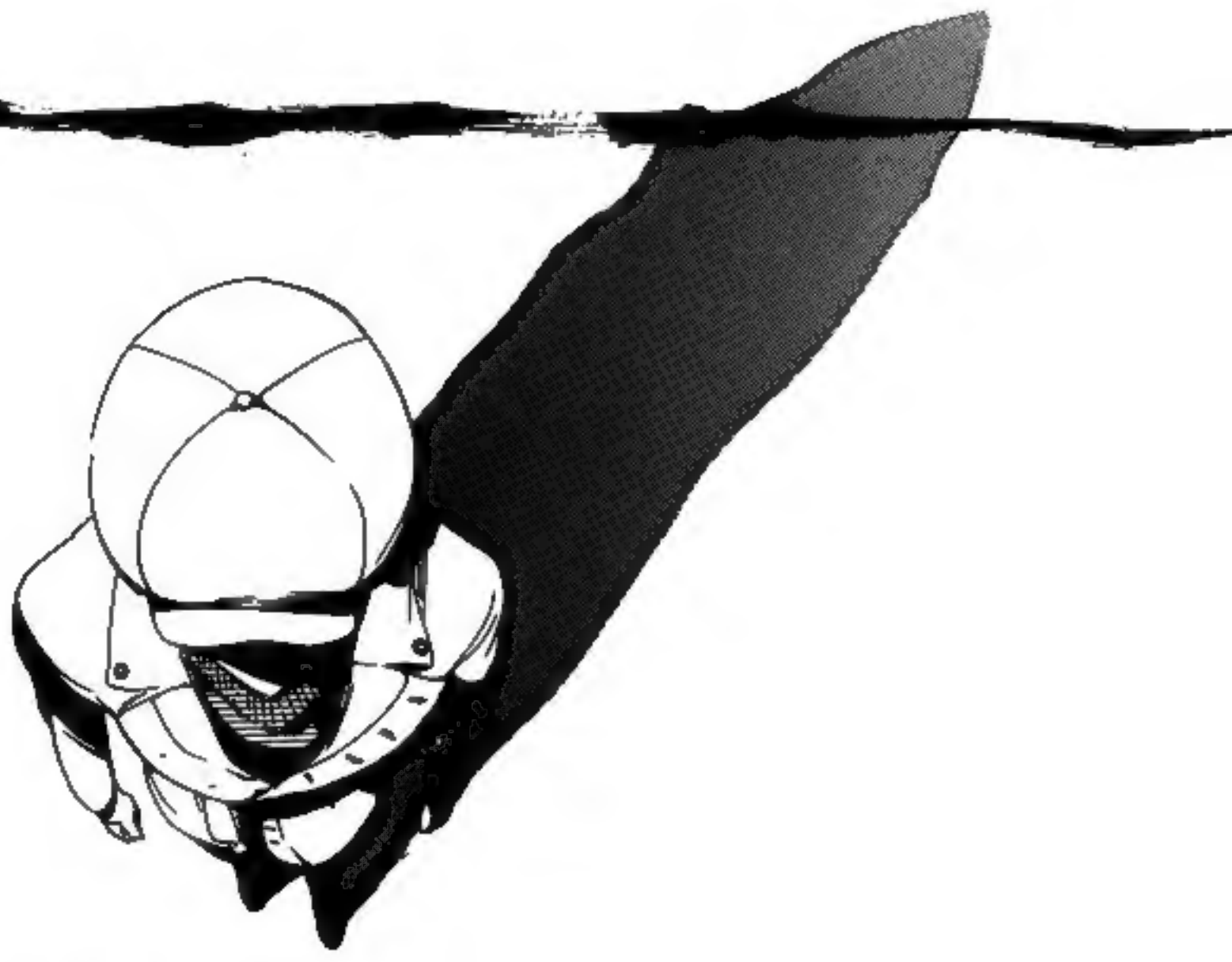
WE CANNOT PROGRESS FURTHER THAN THIS.

THIS IS NOT THE START OF OUR STORY.

NOTHING...

MAY EXIST BEYOND THIS POINT.

THEREFORE—



Tweedle Dum's real identity is...

Are you Alice?

YOU WON'T GIVE US ANY ANSWERS TODAY AS WELL, HUH...?

単行本第⑦巻は大好評発売中！

Chapter 46
only the mirror knows

Are You Alice?

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ストーリー

夢を捨て、「不思議の国」に迷い込んだ少年は、「白ウサギを殺す為のゲーム」に勝ち残れば元の現実に戻れると告げる「帽子屋」の名を持っていた。帽子屋に連れられ、「不思議の国」の〝次期女王候補〟だと告げ、女王となるために「アリス」の名前を返し、新たな名前を貰い受けるように告げる。途中で会った帽子屋とともにトゥイードルの家へ向かったアリス。しかし、家から出てきた双子はアリスを追い返そうとして――や

GLUB GLUB

CLINK

CLINK

HERE WE GO.

CLINK

CLINK

LEET'S EAAT!!

SFX: NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM

Mm♪

This is so tasty.

...ALRIGHT.

I'MMA PUNCH 'EM RIGHT IN THE TOP OF THE HEAD!

Besides, with your skills, you'd probably miss.

DON'T PUNCH THEM IN THE HEAD.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM THEN HURRY UP AND LEAVE.

IT'S USELESS TRYING TO TALK TO AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T EVEN SEE THAT THEY AREN'T WELCOME.

SHUT UP, YOU MANNERLESS BRATS! I'M USED TO NOT BEING WELCOME!

It's common for me to not even receive any tea.

NII-SAN, YOU'RE BEING SO MEAN EVEN THOUGH THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO COME HERE.

I'M SORRY, ALICE.

EVEN THOUGH NII-SAN IS CURT, HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY NICE. IT'S JUST THAT HE HATES ALICE SO MUCH THAT IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN ALLERGIC REACTION. SO DON'T MIND IT♪

Also, this cake is pretty good.

DON'T BRING IT UP TO ME.

AIN'T THAT RIGHT, HATTER!?

DON'T EAT IT!

UGGH, I NEED TO DIS-INFECT!

IF ALICE IS IN HIS FIELD OF VISION FOR EVEN 5 SECONDS, THEN HE'LL BE INFECTED BY THE ALICE GERMS CULTIVATED BY THE ALICE-ARTS.

WELL THEN, YOU ALL STAY TOGETHER AND BE UNHAPPY! FOR THE NEXT FWE YEARS!

HE'S PREDICTED A PRETTY ROUGH FUTURE, HASN'T HE?

DON'T ORDER ME AROUND.

YOU GUYS ARE JUST TALKING BAD ABOUT ME FROM A LOT OF DIFFERENT ANGLES!! HATTER, SHOOT 'EM!!

—did that man really approve of this person?

Were we really born just to be dragged into this kind of stupid story?

It's your fault... that we...

...NOTH-ING.

?

WHAT IS IT?

ANYHOW, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO!

IT'S THE LAW OF THE COUNTRY. I WAS TOLD LOOKING-GLASS LAND NEEDS A QUEEN AND I WAS THE FAVORED ONE TO DO IT, OKAY?

HAH. THE LAW OF THE COUNTRY, YOU SAY?

I'LL HURRY UP AND LEAVE ONCE I GET A NAME, SO JUST GO AHEAD AND SPIT OUT A NAME ALREADY!! IT'S CONFUSING SINCE YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME FACE!!

SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH OF YOU GIVES ME A NAME!

YOU PLAN TO THROW AWAY YOUR OWN NAME FOR A TRIVIAL REASON LIKE THAT?

YOU'RE A STUPID CHILD THAT WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING.

...THE HELL YOU SAY?

OI!

IF YOU WANT TO STOP BEING ALICE, THEN TAKE CARE OF THE WHITE RABBIT.

WELL, THAT CAN'T BE DENIED.

HE HAS STOLEN OUR ABILITIES.

REG-RETS...?

THAT'S THE JOB THESE TWO SPECIALIZED IN AT THE START.

"REISSUER OF REGRETS, TWEEDLE DEE" AND "ISSUER OF NAMES, TWEEDLE DUM"

STOLEN YOUR ABILITIES...? WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?

ALL THE NEGLIGIBLE PEOPLE WERE SNATCHED AWAY AND EXTINGUISHED.

AND THIS IS THE RESULT. THIS IS A WORLD WITHOUT ANYONE IN IT.

OUR ABILITIES, THE NAMES, AND THE REGRETS.

IN ORDER TO START THE GAME, THE WHITE RABBIT STOLE AWAY ALL THE NECESSARY THINGS:

...HOLD ON A SECOND.

BUT THAT MEANS THAT CHANGING THE NAME MEANS SOMETHING. IT CAN'T BE TREATED AS A SIMPLE MATTER.

LOOKING-GLASS LAND MERELY SIFTED THROUGH THE NECESSARY PEOPLE AND CHANGED THEIR NAMES.

THEN THAT MEANS THAT THIS

IS WONDER-LAND...?

...SO, WE DON'T HAVE A NAME TO GIVE TO ALICE OF WONDER-LAND.

CHEEP CHEEP

WE'RE RESIDENTS OF THE LOOKING-GLASS LAND.

WHO CARES? THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US.

It's because all we can do is to live by clinging onto our names.

...I

...Yeah, there's no way I'd be able to throw away my name.

These guys are just tools that can only continue strolling down the path chosen for them, after all.

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO CHANGE MY NAME.

...WHAT?

THERE'S SOMEONE SEARCHING FOR THEIR LOST NAME.

I CAME TO MEET THAT PERSON.

I CAME TO—

SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST THEIR NAME.

I CAME HERE TO MEET

SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST THEIR NAME?

RETURN THAT PERSON'S NAME.

RETURN

...THEIR NAME,

YOU SAY...?

BUT WHY...?

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

DON'T YOU EXIST HERE AS ALICE? ARE YOU—

PLAN-NING TO BREAK THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY?

HEH.

THAT'S LIKE SAYING A STUPID CHILD CAN DO AN HONEST MISSION. ISN'T IT?

...WELL, THAT CAN'T BE DENIED.

...IT'S TRUE THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY A LOT OF PEOPLE IN WONDER-LAND WHO WISH TO RECOVER THEIR LOST NAMES.

AH, YES— SINCE THE WHITE RABBIT STOLE THE NAMES FROM EVERYONE WHOSE TRUE NAMES WOULD BE USEFUL.

JUST LIKE THE REGRETS.

THE REG-RETS...

THAT'S OUR JOB.

A NAME IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL THING NEEDED FOR PEOPLE TO BE BORN. REGRETS ARE THE GREATEST OBSTACLE FOR PEOPLE TO DIE.

YOU CANNOT LIVE IF YOU'RE MISSING THOSE TWO THINGS.

—ALICE,

DO YOU ALSO HAVE A LOST NAME?

—NOPE.

GIVE ME THE GREATEST, MOST EXTRAORDINARY NEW NAME.

NII-SAN,

...I'LL BE OKAY HERE.

YOU TAKE ALICE.

...LET'S GO.

CRUNK

I

IS THIS OKAY?

HATTER,

CLACK

CLACK

IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO.

DO IT THE BEST YOU CAN.

YOU AREN'T A KID. DON'T OKAY EVERYTHING WITH ME.

SEE YOU LATER.

—ALICE,

-SFX:-SLAM

...YEAH.

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, THAT—

THE ALICE LONG SEARCHED FOR?

...IS HE REALLY

CLWK

...YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

YEAH, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, HE'S A SPLENDID ALICE, ISN'T HE?

A STRANGE THING IS HERE! A STRANGE-COLOR STRANGE-SHAPED STRANGE, STRANGE, STRANGE THING.

SHUT UP. AND DON'T CLING TO ME. I HATE YOU.

DON'T SAY THAT KIND OF STUFF. IT'S NOT LIKE I PARTICULARLY LIKE YOU EITHER BUT RIGHT NOW THIS IS ALL I CAN DO—

Sigh...

IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW MUCH! EARLIER I CAME ALL THE WAY THROUGH HERE IN A MAD DASH. THEY'RE DEFINITELY INCREASING!

THAT'S YOUR FAULT.

ACTUALLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM TODAY.

HUH?

BECAUSE YOU SET FOOT INTO THE "NAMELESS FOREST".

EVERYONE WAS WAITING FOR THE STORY TO MOVE FORWARD.

WHAT'S THAT?

CHEEP CHEEP

CHEEP CHEEP

EEK!

DON'T TAKE ALL OF THEM FOR YOURSELF.

CHEEP CHEEP

SWOO

ZZSH

I HATE TRIVIAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AS MUCH AS I HATE YOU.

LIKE YOUR BROTHER?

...DO YOU

THE HELL? WHAT I'M ASKING RIGHT NOW ISN'T THAT TRIVIAL.

...SETTING...? YOU'RE SO BLUNT.

THAT'S MY SETTING.

...THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO HATE THE VERY BROTHER I SHARE BLOOD WITH.

THAT'S WHY I SAID I HATE TRIVIAL STUFF.

-BUT,

?

...YOU MEAN...

YOU'D BE HAPPY IF YOUR BROTHER

WAS GONE?

SINCE WE WERE BORN, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER ALONE.

IT'S POINTLESS NO MATTER HOW MUCH I EXPLAIN IT TO A STUPID CHILD.

HUFF

...THIS STORY IS ALWAYS MOVING ALONG WITH ALICE AS THE FOCUS.

IT'S MERELY THAT I CAN'T STOMACH THAT.

THE HELL?

YOU SERIOUSLY DO HATE ALICE.

...BUT, IN THIS PLACE, THAT DOESN'T APPLY. I CAN'T COMPREHEND ALICE, WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVERYONE ELSE JUST BY HOLDING THE VERY BEST NAME. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THROWN AWAY BECAUSE OF THEIR USELESSNESS DESPITE HAVING A NAME.

IS IT ONLY ALICE WHO WANTS TO BE HAPPY? OF COURSE NOT. EVERYONE IS LIVING WHILE DESPERATELY GRASPING AT THEIR OWN HAPPINESS.

...ALICE CAN'T BE HAPPY.

...

I STOLE EVERYTHING, NOT JUST ALICE'S NAME...

I... STOLE IT...

—BUT I STILL CAN'T REMEMBER EVEN ONE IMPORTANT THING.

LIKE THIS, I'LL HAVE NOTHING LEFT EVEN IF I DO KILL THE WHITE RABBIT AND BECOME ALICE.

ALICE OF WONDERLAND WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE KILL THE WHITE RABBIT.

DO YOU PLAN TO VIO-LATE THE RULES OF THE GAME IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTRY'S LAWS?

ONLY WANT TO KNOW FOR WHAT PURPOSE I WAS BORN.

WHO KNOWS?

...I...

IS THAT SO—?

CHANGE THE STORY?

IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVE THE WILLPOWER TO CHANGE THE STORY.

DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS. I...

FOR EXAMPLE—

THERE IS NO ONE IN LOOKING-CLASS LAND WHO IS NEEDED BY THE WHITE RABBIT. WE CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING BY OURSELVES. WE ARE MERELY TOOLS TO BE USED AND THEN TOSSED ASIDE.

...YOU WANT TO BE NEEDED BY SOMEONE.

HAH?

AM ONLY CONSTANTLY BEING DRAGGED ALONG BY THIS CRAZY COUNTRY'S RULES.

I WONDER IF THE WHITE RABBIT WAS INTENDING TO PROTECT ALL THE UNNEEDED PEOPLE IN THE GAME BY STEALING EVERYTHING FROM US.

...PROTECT...?

THAT GUY?

THE WHITE RABBIT DECIDED TO TAKE EVERYTHING FOR HIMSELF WITHOUT EVER REALIZING THAT IT WAS ALL HIS EGO.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO PROTECT.

HEY, ALICE,

WE

I

FOR WHAT REASON DO WE—

Hn.

O-OI, DUM.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU—

I'M GOING TO RETURN ALL OF THE REMAINING REGRETS OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND TO YOU.

TWEEDLE DUM ISN'T HERE.

I CAME TO GET A NAME FROM TWEEDLE DUM. WHAT DO YOU MEAN, REGRETS—

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

TCH.

...?

REGRETS?

AT...? WH-

SFX: THROB

TCH.

AG HH!!

GUH.

SFX: THUD

NO, NEVER MIND.

I AM THE REISSUER OF REGRETS, TWEEDLE DEE.

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME ANYMORE.

I HAVE A NAME THAT I NEED TO RETURN! DON'T JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WAN-...

TCH! HOLD ON!

IF YOU REALLY DO HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE STORY THEN—

THE "PAST" DOESN'T EXIST FOR YOU. IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE A POOR COMPATIBILITY WITH THE REGRETS. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT SOON.

...WHAT

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...!?

SNICKER

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I DON'T HAVE A PAST...!?

SNICKER

WHY DO I HAVE TO KILL NEE-SAN!?

IN THAT CASE, WHAT IS ALICE TO ME!?

SNICKER

WHAT IS ALICE-...

HAVE TO REMEM-BER...

THERE ARE STILL SO MANY THINGS THAT I

me...?

...to...

...FARE-WELL.

HIC

HIC

HIC

Long ago-I lived while pretending not to see anything.

I could not cook food.
And thus, without even being able to smile, well, I was useless.

I could not speak words.
I could not write letters.

I could not be saved by someone as a pet either.

It was only natural that I'd be thrown away like scrap paper.

Therefore, I lived while pretending not to see anything.

But, Alice,

Ah ah ah

Daina!

When I met you, I was able to do anything.

Hey.

DING DONG

DING DONG

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR ALICE?

TCHI!!

WE MEET AGAIN,

—ALICE.

OH MY.

Y-

YOU...

CLINK

WELL THEN.

YOU DON'T NEED ANY REGRETS?

I CAME HERE TO COLLECT SOMETHING USEFUL SO THAT I CAN LEAVE WONDERLAND WITH ALICE.

THAT GUY'S STORY IS NOW MEANINGLESS.

EVEN IF REGRETS ARE LIVING, THEY ARE JUST HINDRANCES.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CARE.

WHO DO YOU THINK ARE THE ONES TO DECIDE WHAT'S NECESSARY TO LIVE?

...DON'T DISREGARD THE QUESTION. REGRETS ARE THE GREATEST OBSTACLE FOR A PERSON TO DIE.

I KNOW THE MEANING OF THE ONE NAME THAT THE WHITE RABBIT FORGOT.

...SO I...

DON'T WANT TO BE USED LIKE A PAWN.

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO NOT MAKE AN APPEARANCE IN THIS STORY.

BECAUSE WE CANNOT POSSIBLY CHANGE THE ENDING OF THIS STORY NO MATTER WHAT.

...I HAD THOUGHT THAT TOO UP UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

I NEVER THOUGHT TO KEEP WRITING UNTIL THE ENDING WHEN ALICE WASN'T AROUND.

...THAT FAKE ALICE?

HOW MANY ALICES DO YOU THINK I COULD STAND?

SINCE IT CAN'T HAPPEN IN REALITY, IT'S BECOME THE STORY.

...I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU GUYS.

...EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN LIVE ONLY FOR ALICE, YOU CAN'T GIVE HER HAPPINESS, RIGHT?

SO, THIS IS ENOUGH.

TWEEDLE DUM.

I'LL BE TAKING BACK MY NAME.

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?

WE'RE TRYING, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES.

UH... SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.

DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!

ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?

WELL, UH... YES, ACTUALLY.

MANGA

FIST SLAM

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO. WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF.

Hug me

hold me

Love me♥

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... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT.

STARE

... THIS GUY'S WEIRD. STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES.

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